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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants claim the priority of PCT Application Serial No.

PCT/US00/12877, filed 11 May 2000 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the above-referenced application.

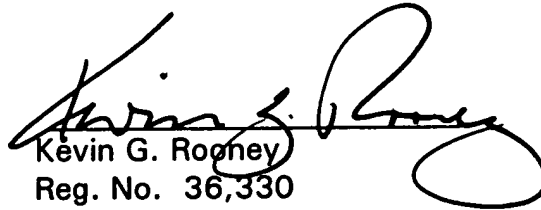
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th Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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